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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

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**DRAGONS  
LAIR**



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**H**IGH ABOVE MOBIUS'  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE...

THERE  
IT IS, FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS...

...THE  
ENTRANCE  
TO THE  
HIDDEN CITY  
OF STATION  
SQUARE!

WHO'D EVER BELIEVE  
AN AIRPLANE CARRYING  
OVERLANDERS SMACKED  
INTO THIS MOUNTAIN  
CENTURIES BACK--

--AND THE  
SURVIVORS DISCOVERED  
A LOST CONTINENT  
BENEATH IT?

TO ANSWER  
ZAT QUESTION FAIRLY,  
MON AMI--

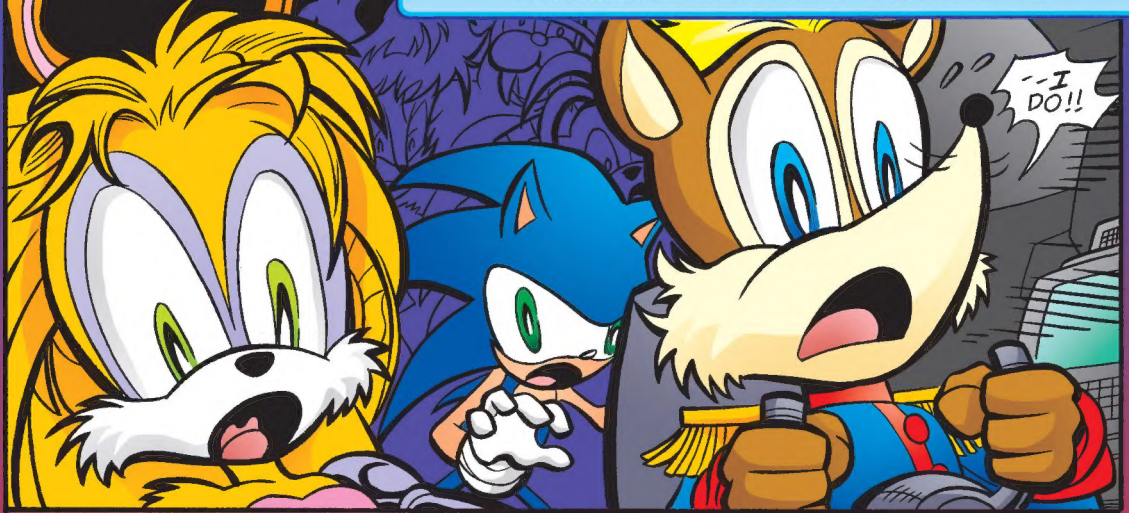


# CROUCHING HEDGEHOG

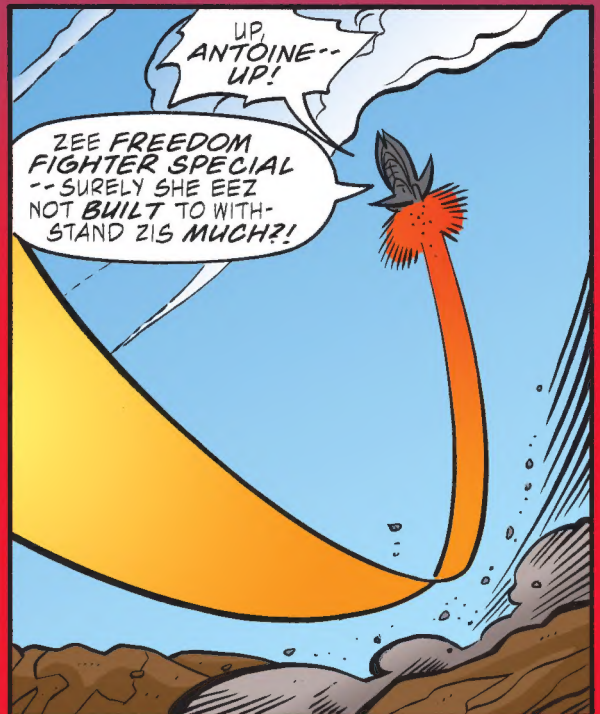
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# HIDDEN DRAGON

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\*AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.







WE MADE IT!

YAAAYY!

WAY TO WING IT, ANT!

=whew=



We're on a direct HEADING for the Station Square Airstrip, PRINCESS SALLY.

THANKS, NICOLE...



...THE SOONER WE COMPLETE THIS MISSION THE BETTER.

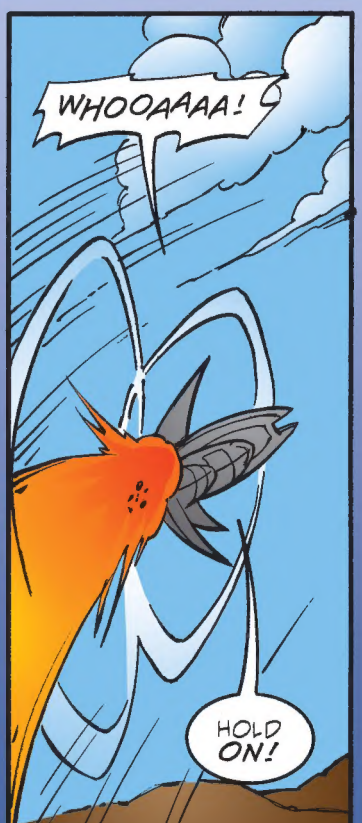
WHAT'S UP WITH SAL?



WE'RE A TEAM AGAIN, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO JUICED ABOUT IT.



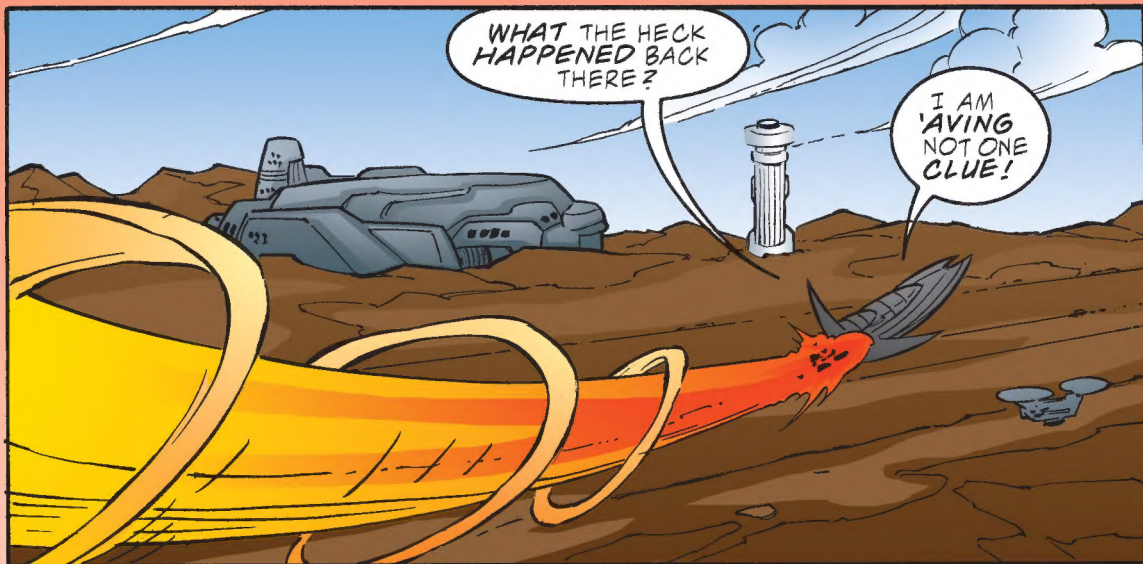
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WHOOAAAA!

HOLD ON!





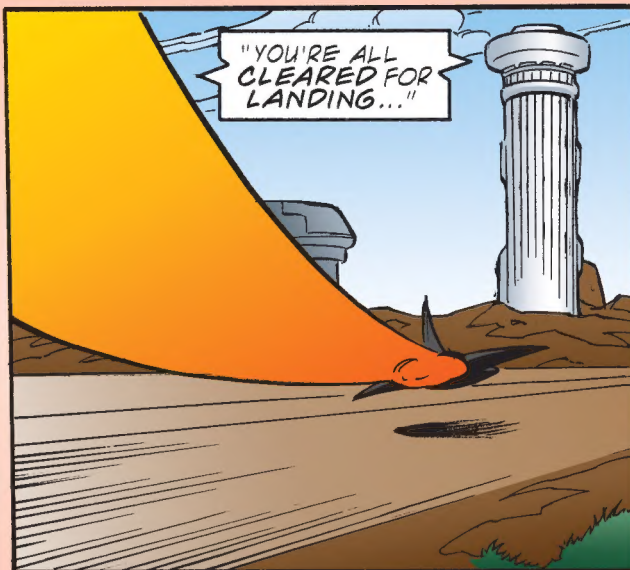
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED BACK THERE?

I AM 'AVING NOT ONE CLUE!



FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL, THIS IS STATION SQUARE AIR CONTROL. OVER.

LOUDLY AND CLEARLY, WE ARE READING YOU!

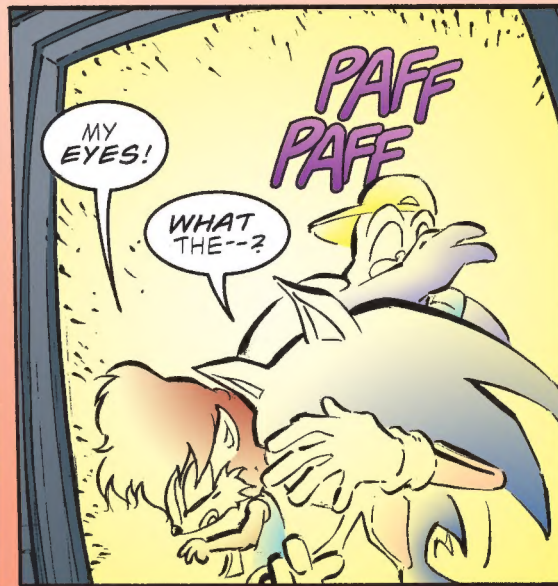


"YOU'RE ALL CLEARED FOR LANDING..."



NOW REMEMBER GANG, THIS COULD BE A STICKY DIPLOMATIC SITUATION...

... SO BE READY FOR ANYTHING!



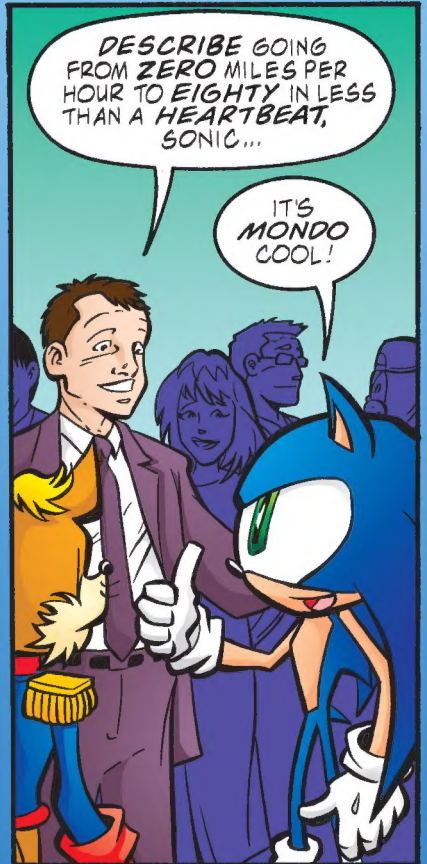
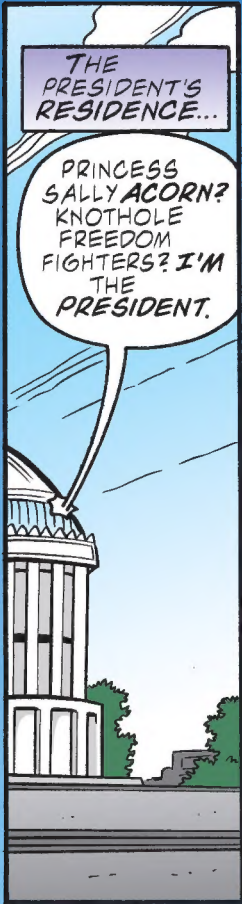
MY EYES!

WHAT THE--?

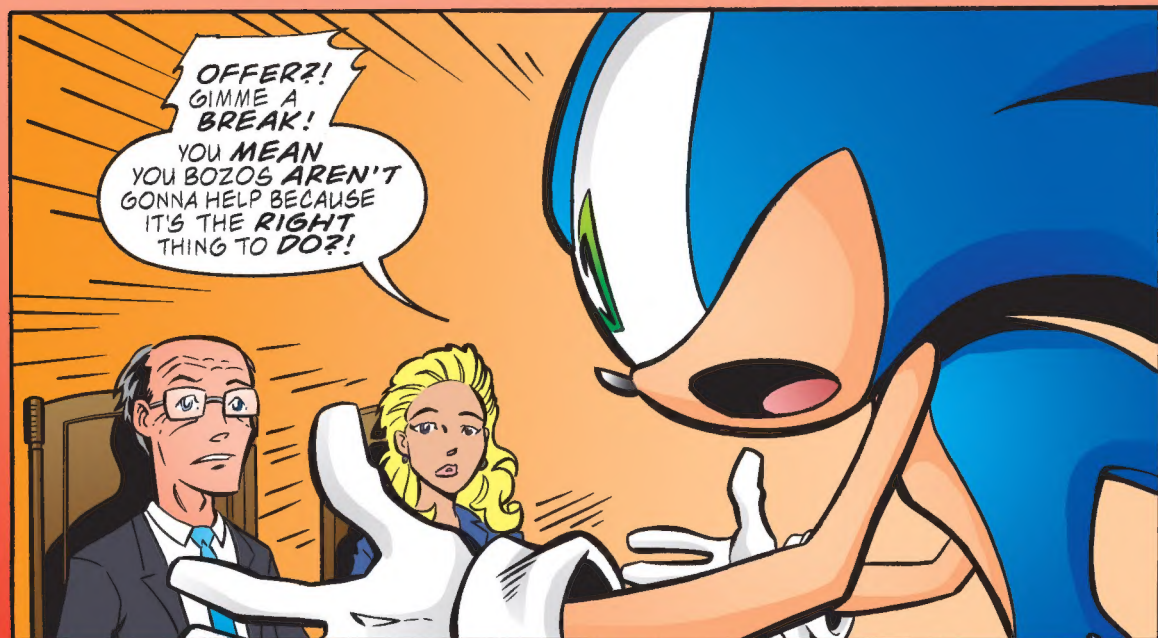
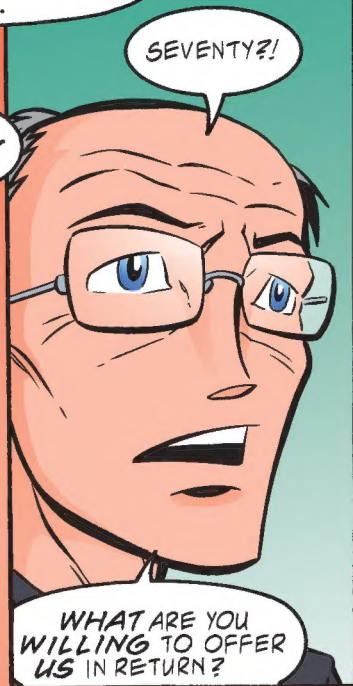
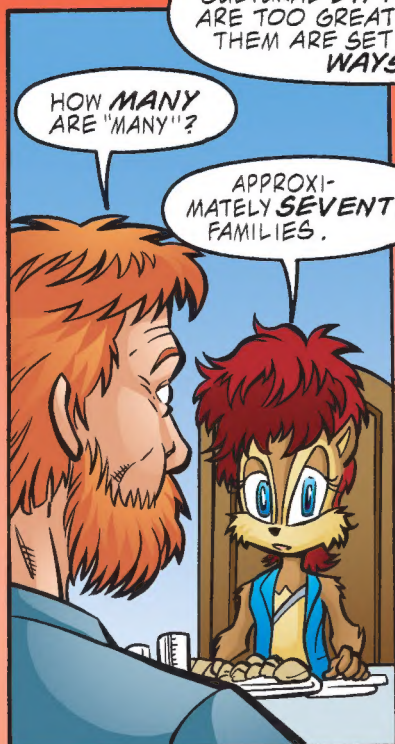
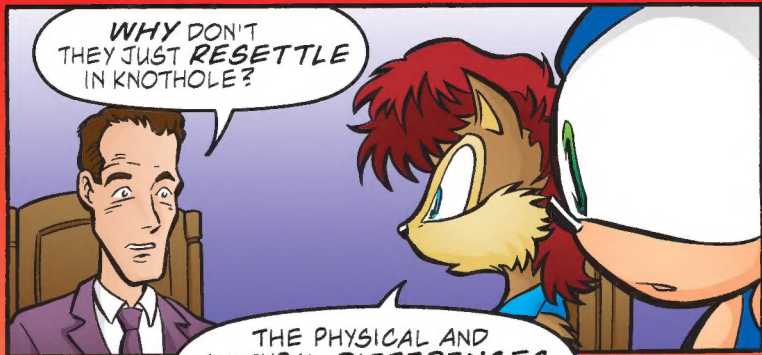
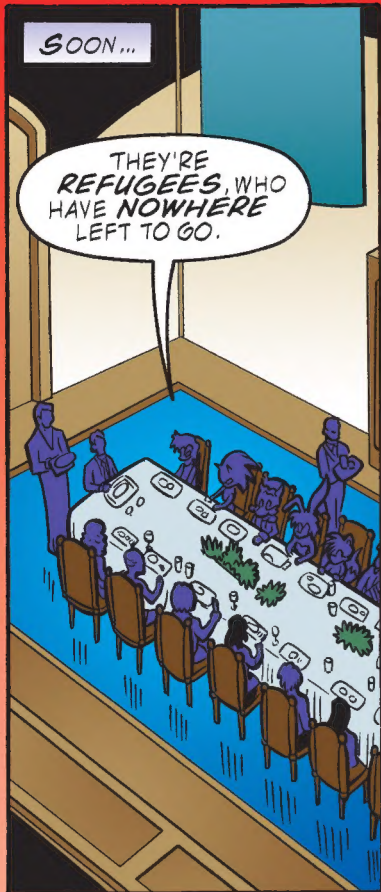
















SONIC?  
SAL?  
SIT.



MISTER PRESIDENT...  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.



...YOU'RE  
LOOKING AT  
DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK...



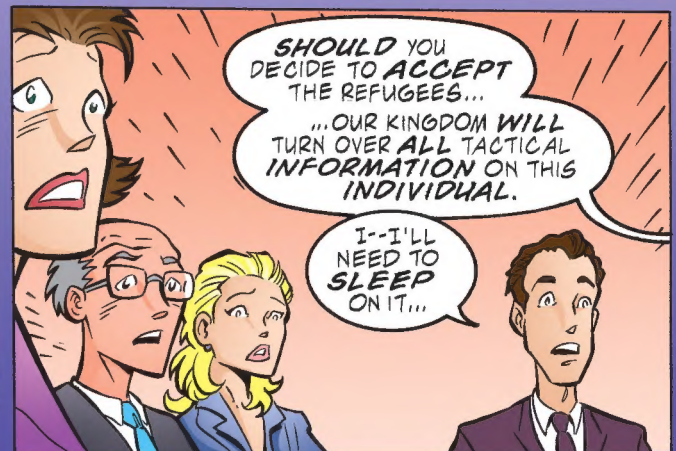
...THE EVIL GENIUS  
WHO ONCE TRIED TO  
CONQUER STATION SQUARE  
USING THE ANCIENT WATER-  
BEAST, CHAOS\*...

\*SEE SONIC ADVENTURE GAME ADAPTATION.



...AND LATER  
RELEASED HIS  
GRANDFATHER'S CREATION  
SHADOW IN ORDER TO  
SABOTAGE YOUR ENERGY  
SUPPLY.\*

\*SEE THE SONIC ADVENTURE 2  
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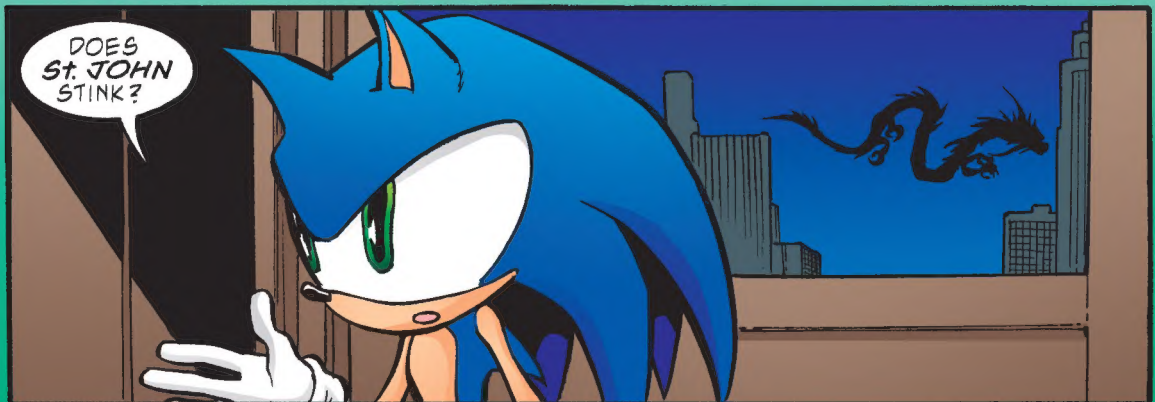
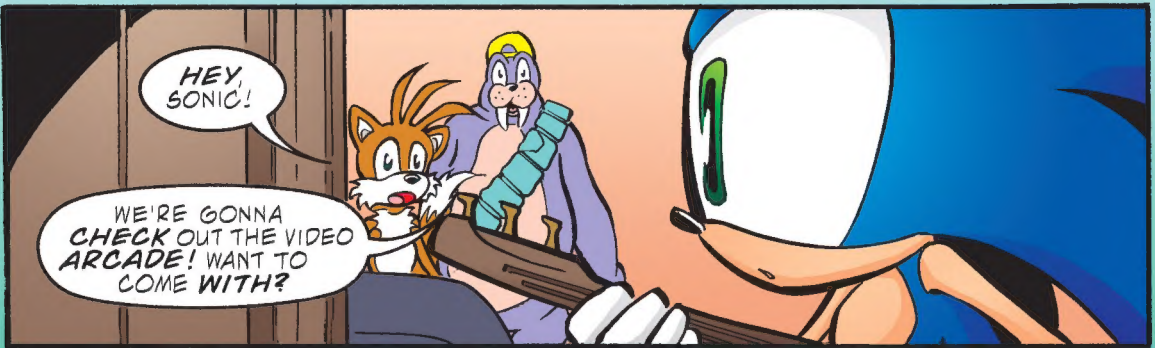
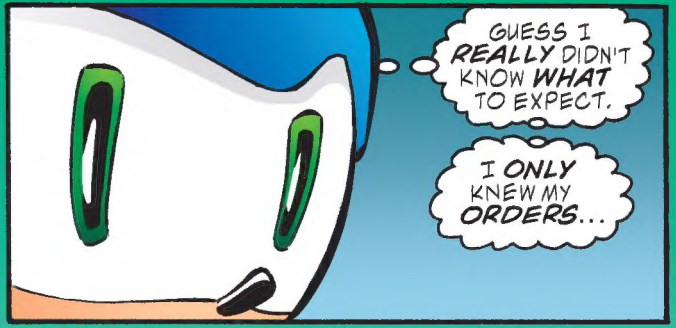
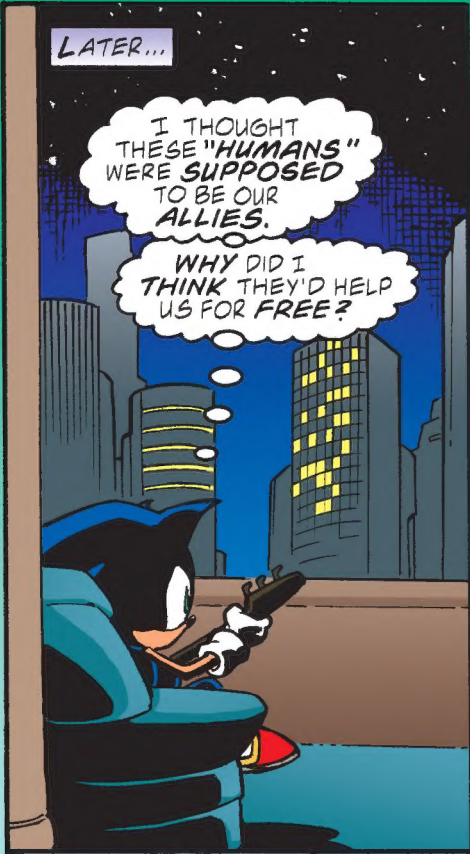


SHOULD YOU  
DECIDE TO ACCEPT  
THE REFUGEES...

...OUR KINGDOM WILL  
TURN OVER ALL TACTICAL  
INFORMATION ON THIS  
INDIVIDUAL.

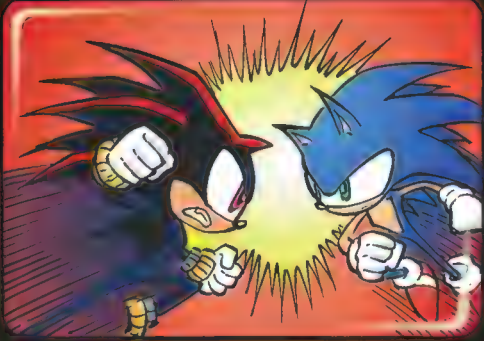
I--I'LL  
NEED TO  
SLEEP  
ON IT...







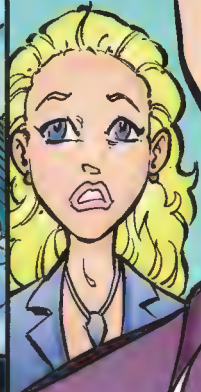
ELSEWHERE...



HE'S GOT AN ATTITUDE, BUT THIS SONIC...

...COULD BE A VALUABLE AGENT. HE'S CERTAINLY GOT ALL THE RIGHT MOVES.

THAT HE DOES, SIR... THAT HE DOES.



REWIND AND HIT "PLAY."



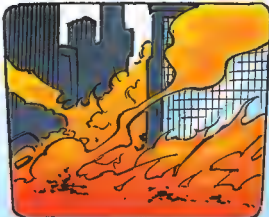








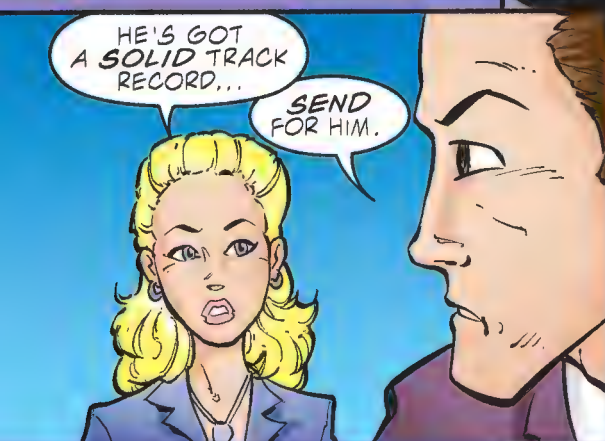
IS IT  
WHAT I  
THINK  
IT IS?



I BELIEVE SO,  
SIR, AND IT'S **SERIOUS**.  
WE'VE GOT TO DO  
**SOMETHING...**



YOU MEAN  
... THE LITTLE, BLUE  
HEDGEHOG...?



HE'S GOT  
A **SOLID TRACK**  
RECORD...

**SEND**  
FOR HIM.



LOOK  
SIR--ON  
SCREEN!

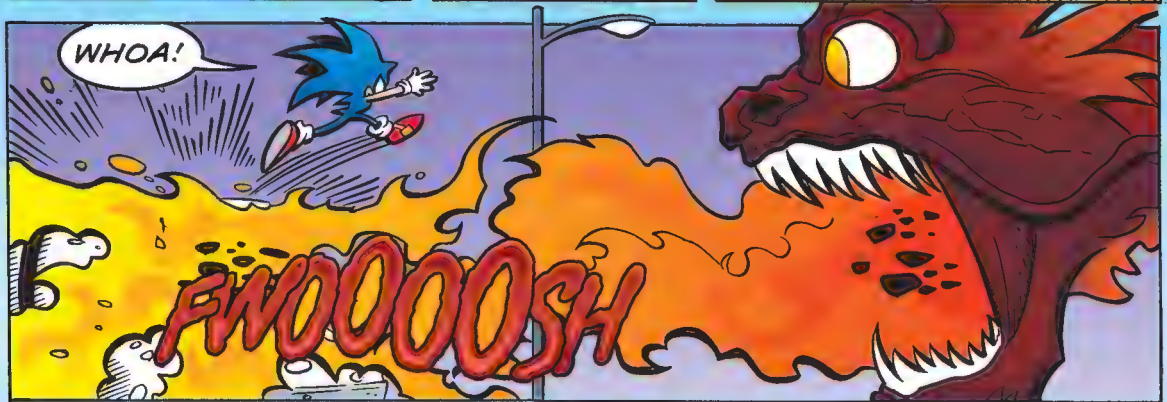
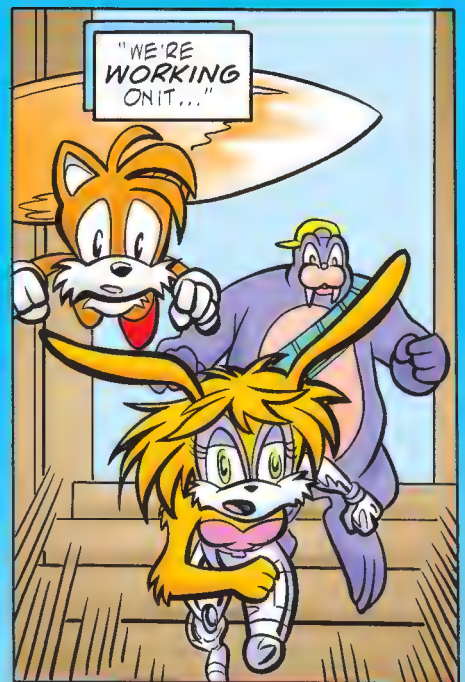
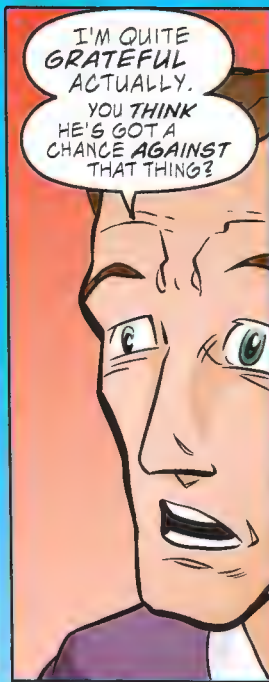




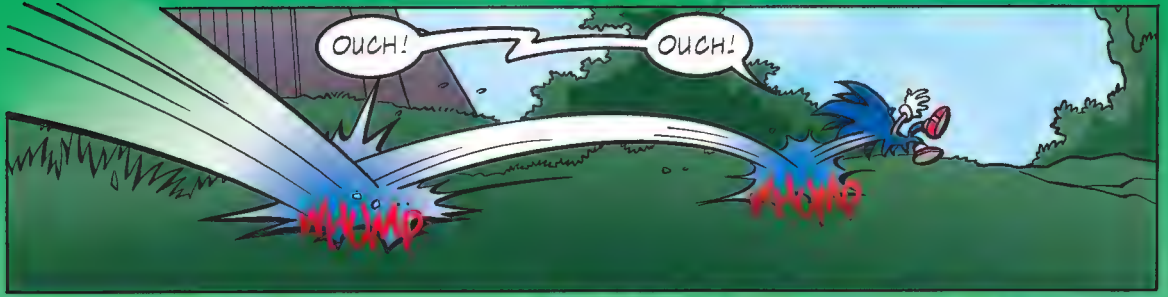
"HE'S ALREADY THERE!"

CHILL OUT, "SCALE-FACE!"

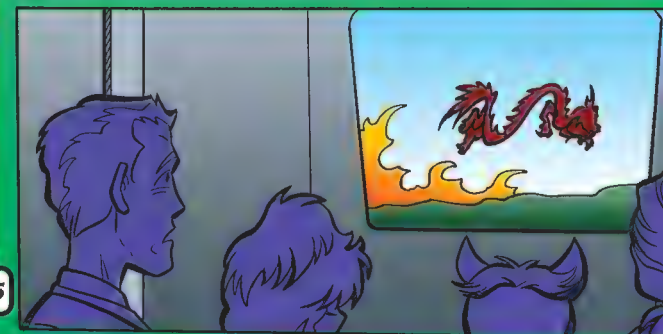
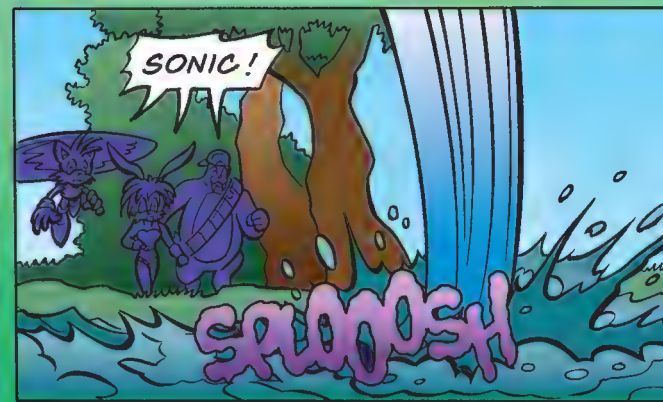




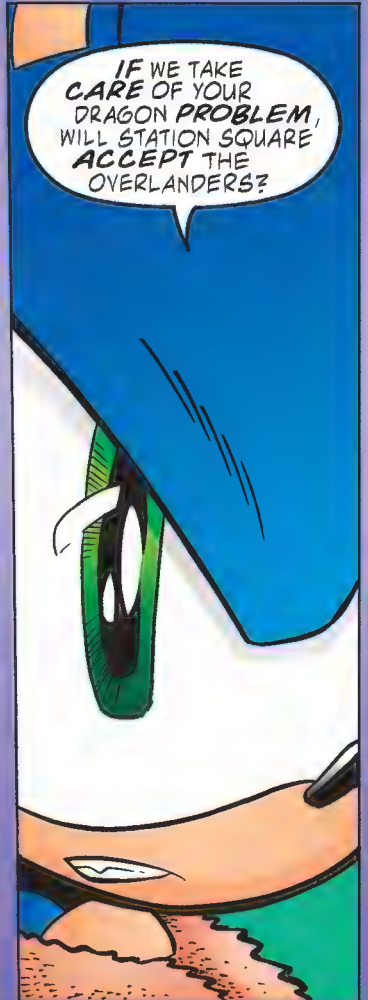
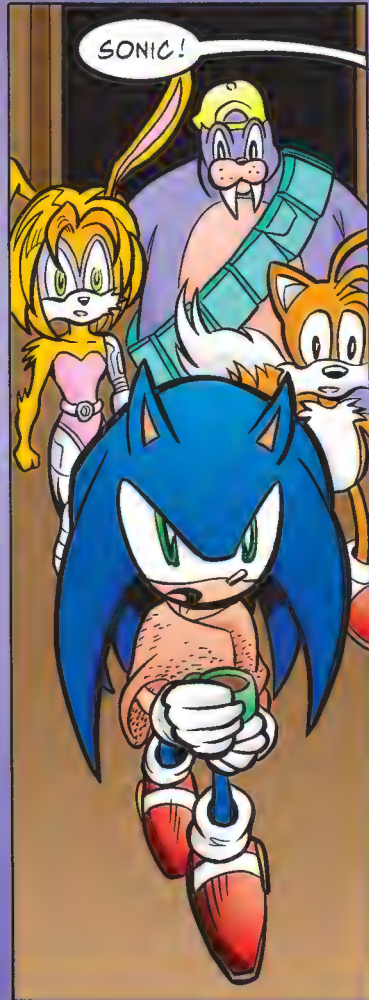
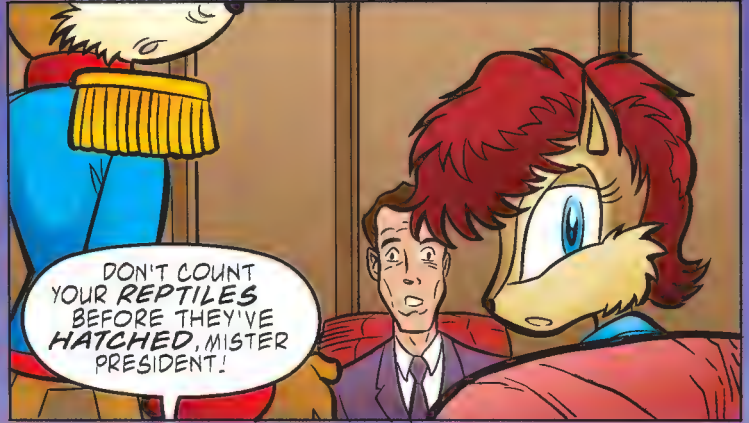




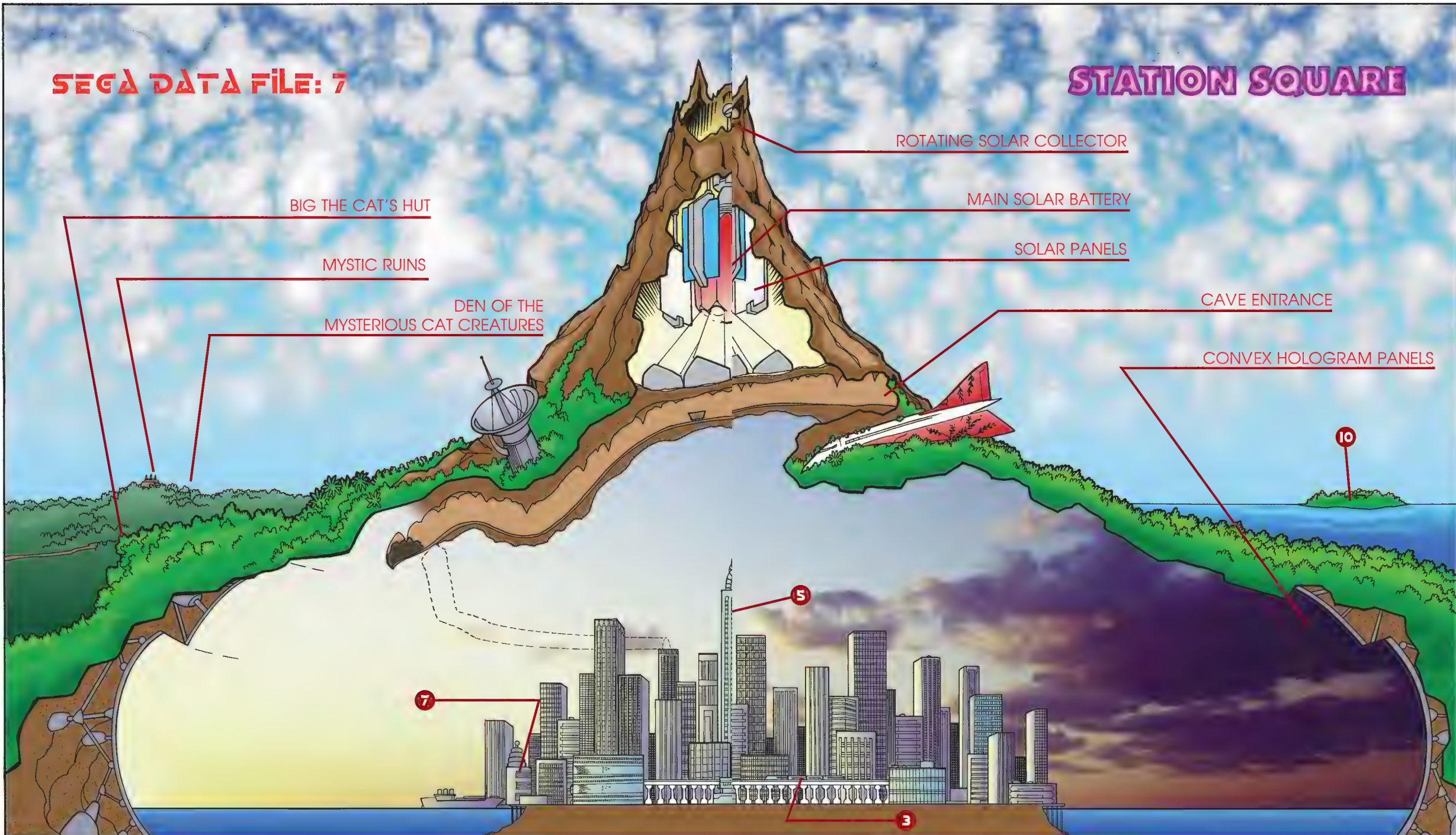
UH-OH!  
I'VE GOT A  
FEELING  
THINGS ARE  
ABOUT TO  
HEAT UP  
AGAIN!











BIG THE CAT'S HUT

MYSTIC RUINS

DEN OF THE MYSTERIOUS CAT CREATURES

ROTATING SOLAR COLLECTOR

MAIN SOLAR BATTERY

SOLAR PANELS

CAVE ENTRANCE

CONVEX HOLOGRAM PANELS

FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80, March 2000

ESTABLISHED: Unknown, though some evidence has surfaced indicating it dates back at least 500 years, if not more

LOCATION: Deep beneath a continent located within the southern hemisphere of Mobius

SURFACE SIZE: 139.92 sq. metrons

HIGHEST POINT: 1.35 metrons from street surface to cavern ceiling

CLIMATE: The temperature is a constant 70 degrees, as the environment is artificially controlled utilizing the heat from magma deep beneath the planet's crust

POPULATION: Over 23,856,427 humanoid and an assortment of domesticated pets of various species

TALLEST BUILDING: Savage Skyscraper - 86 stories plus a mooring mast

POINTS OF INTEREST: (1) Station Square Hotel, (2) Shopping Mall, (3) Elerail System, (4) Mayor's Office,

(5) Savage Skyscraper, (6) Police Station, (7) Power Plant, (8) President's Residence, (9) Bank of Station Square, (10) Gun Headquarters (on Prison Island)

HISTORY: Some time in pre-recorded history, there was a great catastrophe that engulfed the entire pre-Mobian world. Whether it was man-made or a natural occurrence is still unknown. Legend went on to record that the passengers of a large craft that soared through the skies crash-landed near a mountain located on one of the continents in the southern hemisphere.

Separated from everyone and everything they once knew, the passengers traveled through an immense cavern that led deep beneath the mountains, finally descending into a hidden land located under the continent. It's widely believed that the caverns shielded the survivors from the worst of the catastrophe. In this

new sanctuary, they began rebuilding their society piece by piece, starting with the basics such as planting farms and building shelters. Because of their advanced knowledge, they were able to create heavy machines in order to build tools, vehicles and bigger buildings to house their growing population.

Within the span of a few generations, what had once been a hamlet of farms was now an immense metropolis, teeming with life under an artificially-created environment. This environment included the illusion of a sky, time of day, weather conditions and a world beyond, a world of which the inhabitants of this city wanted no part of.

With the completion of their largest building, the Savage Skyscraper, the city was rechristened Station Square, in part due to its elerail transit system that weaves its way through the city like a spider-

web, providing transportation for the citizens from any point throughout to another.

Among the many other features of this world, are the beaches and harbors that are surrounded by a body of water that encircles the entire city with water passages to the oceans above. Beyond the bridges that take one to the other side of the water are Dragon Island, Prison Island, the Emerald Coast, and the Mystic Ruins, a site the original settlers discovered while exploring. It was there that they found the six Chaos Emeralds used to provide power for the city's needs.

Since the unexpected discovery of their city by outsiders, the citizens of Station Square have debated whether or not to have any further dealings with the outside world. Only time will tell.

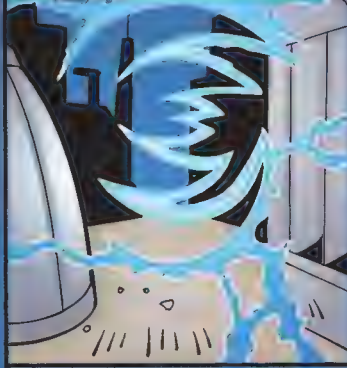
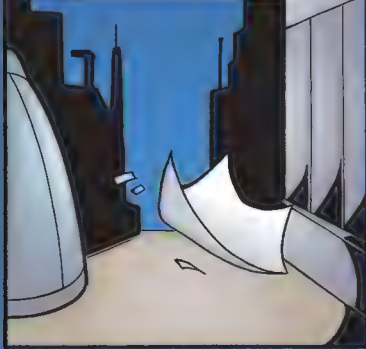


WELCOME TO ECHIDNAOPOLIS.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE ANYONE HAS WALKED THESE STREETS,

SINCE THE DARK LEGION UNLEASHED THE QUANTUM BEAM UPON AN UNSUSPECTING POPULATION, ALL HAS BEEN QUIET-

--UNTIL NOW!



HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND NOW

**KNUGKLES**  
**THE ECHIDNA**

MUST CONFRONT THE ONE BEING HE NEVER IMAGINED!

THIS-- THIS *MUST* BE THE PLACE!

THAT MEANS-- I MADE IT!!

THE BIG QUESTION NOW IS--

--HAVE I ARRIVED IN TIME?

# REUNIFICATION

PART 1

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...  
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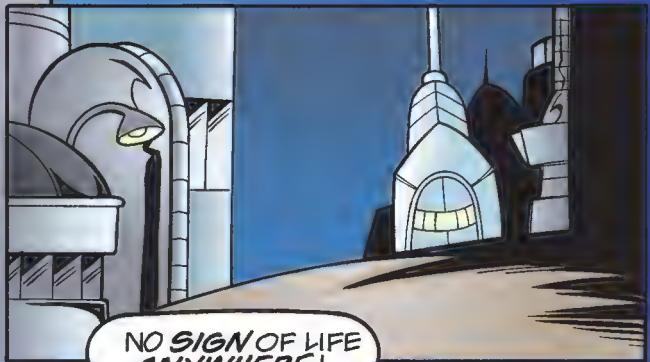


UNTIL I FIND OUT **WHEN** I'VE ARRIVED, I CAN ONLY **GUESS** WHERE **THEY** WILL BE!

WHILE I CAN HOPE FOR THE **BEST**--

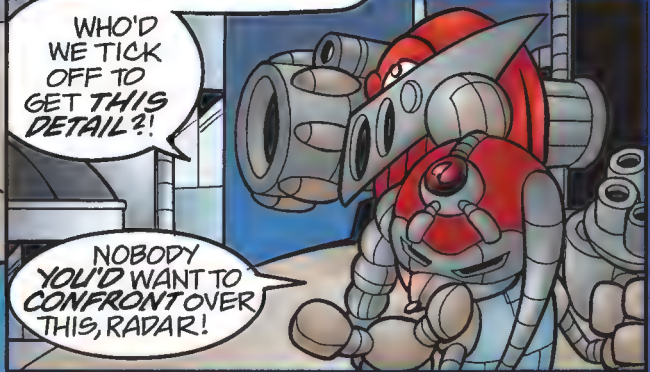


--I MUST ASSUME THE **WORST!**



NO SIGN OF LIFE ANYWHERE!

WHO'D WE TICK OFF TO GET **THIS** DETAIL?!



NOBODY YOU'D WANT TO CONFRONT OVER THIS, RADAR!

NOW **THROTTLE** DOWN WHILE I CONTACT **HOME** BASE!

SCOUT TEAM TWO CALLING **COMMAND!** COME IN! OVER!

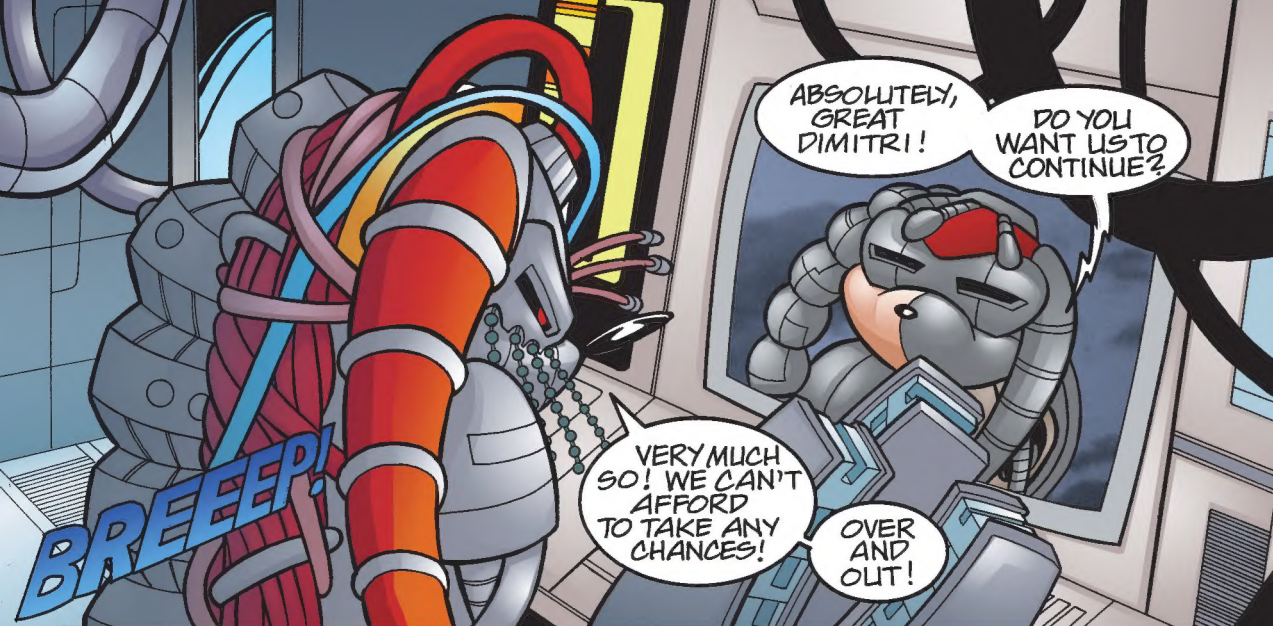


WE'VE COMPLETED A SEARCH OF **SECTOR 31** AND NO SIGN OF ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY!

THIS IS **COMMAND.** REPORT!

ARE YOU **CERTAIN**?!





**BREEEP!**

ABSOLUTELY, GREAT DIMITRI!!

DO YOU WANT US TO CONTINUE?

VERY MUCH SO! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!

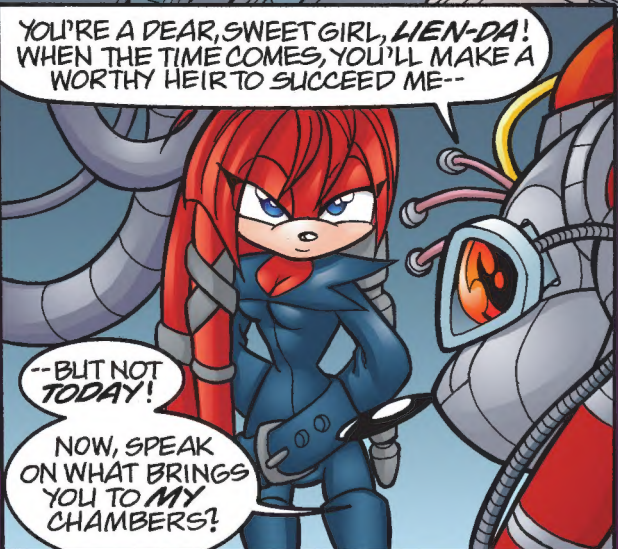
OVER AND OUT!



COME!

GRANDFATHER DIMITRI! AND HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

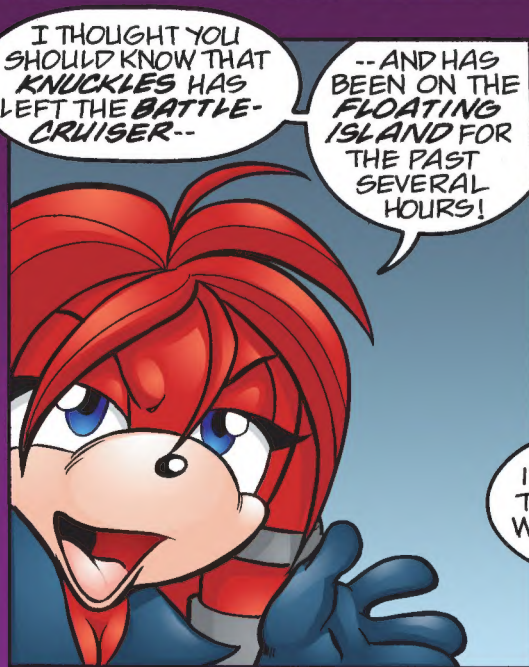
IS YOUR BLOOD SUGAR COUNT AS IT SHOULD BE?



YOU'RE A DEAR, SWEET GIRL, LIEN-DA! WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL MAKE A WORTHY HEIR TO SUCCEED ME--

--BUT NOT TODAY!

NOW, SPEAK ON WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY CHAMBERS?



I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT **KNUCKLES** HAS LEFT THE **BATTLE-CRUISER**--

--AND HAS BEEN ON THE **FLOATING ISLAND** FOR THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS!



**WHHAAATT?!**

COULD IT BE HIM THAT THE **SENSORS** WERE DETECTING EARLIER?

WHATEVER COULD HE BE UP TO?



"--LINGLESS--"



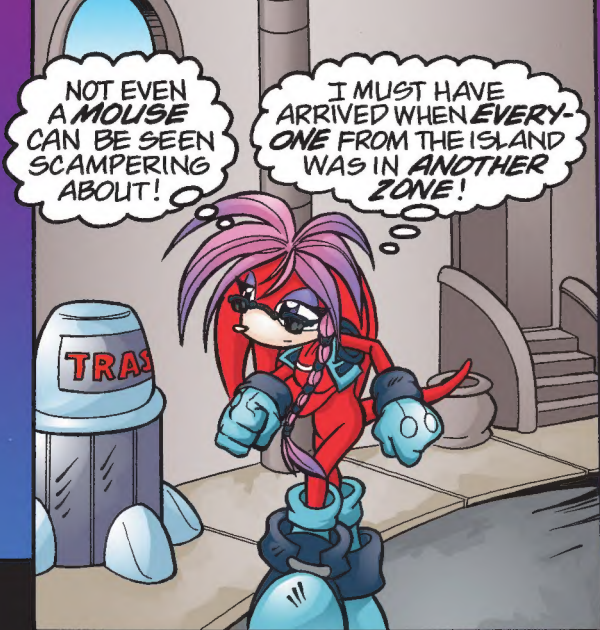
"--HE'S ATTEMPTING THE ONE THING THAT COULD CHANGE THE EQUATION *DRAMATICALLY*--"



"--BY ATTEMPTING TO *REVERSE* THE EFFECTS OF THE *QUANTUM BEAM* HIMSELF!"

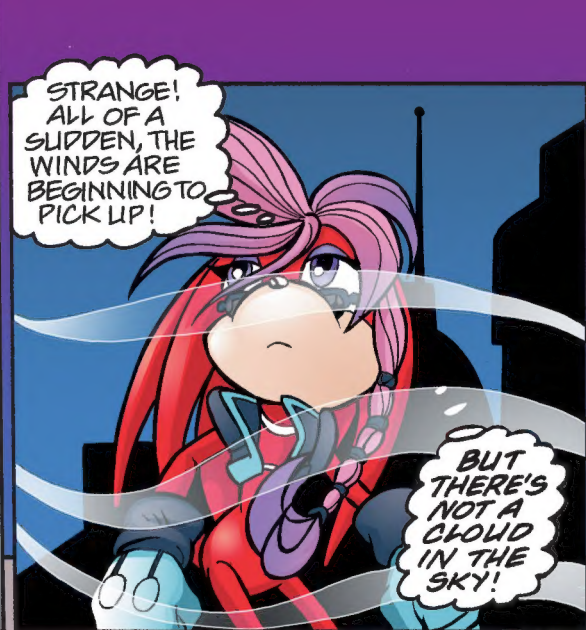






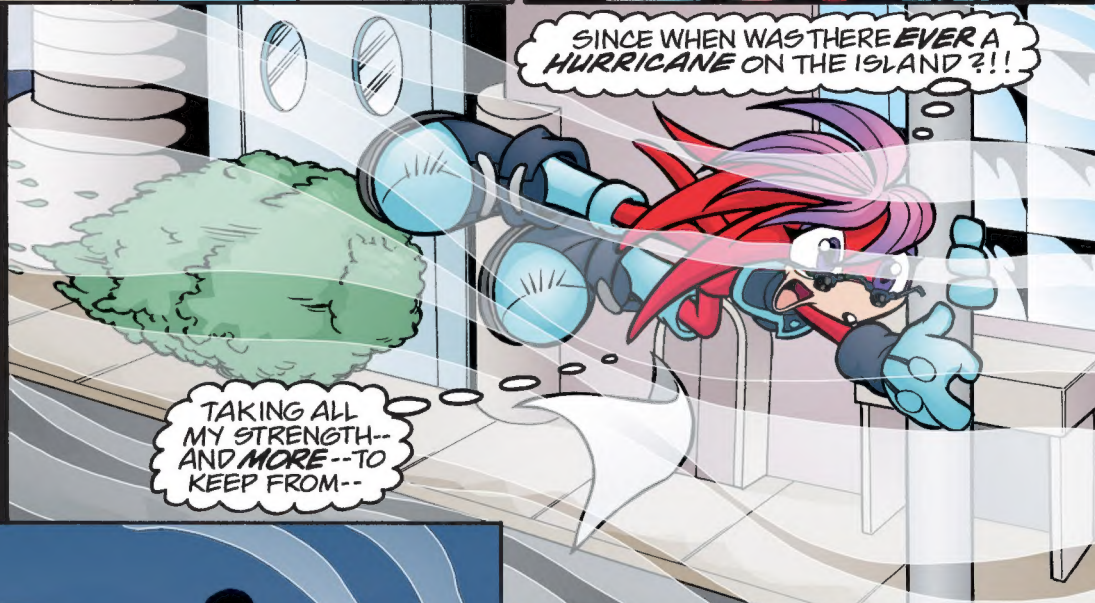
NOT EVEN A **MOUSE** CAN BE SEEN SCAMPERING ABOUT!

I MUST HAVE ARRIVED WHEN **EVERY-ONE** FROM THE ISLAND WAS IN **ANOTHER ZONE!**



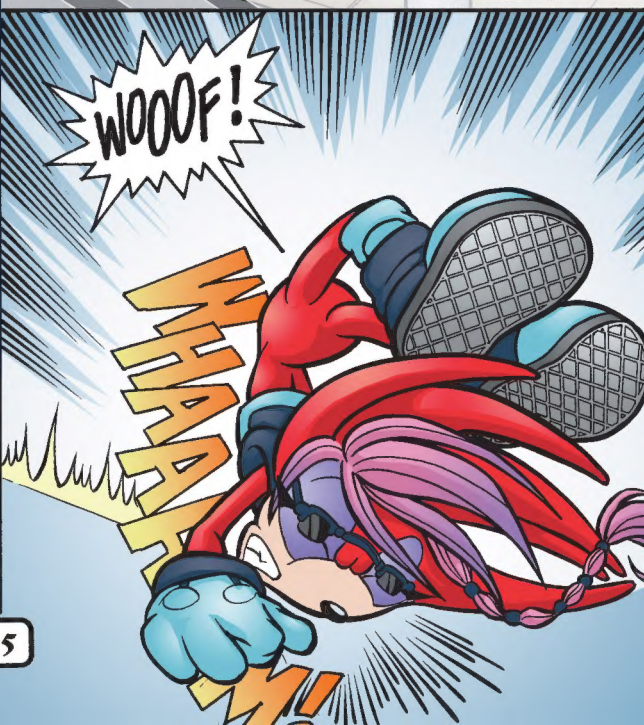
STRANGE! ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE WINDS ARE BEGINNING TO PICK UP!

BUT THERE'S NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY!



SINCE WHEN WAS THERE **EVER** A HURRICANE ON THE ISLAND?!!

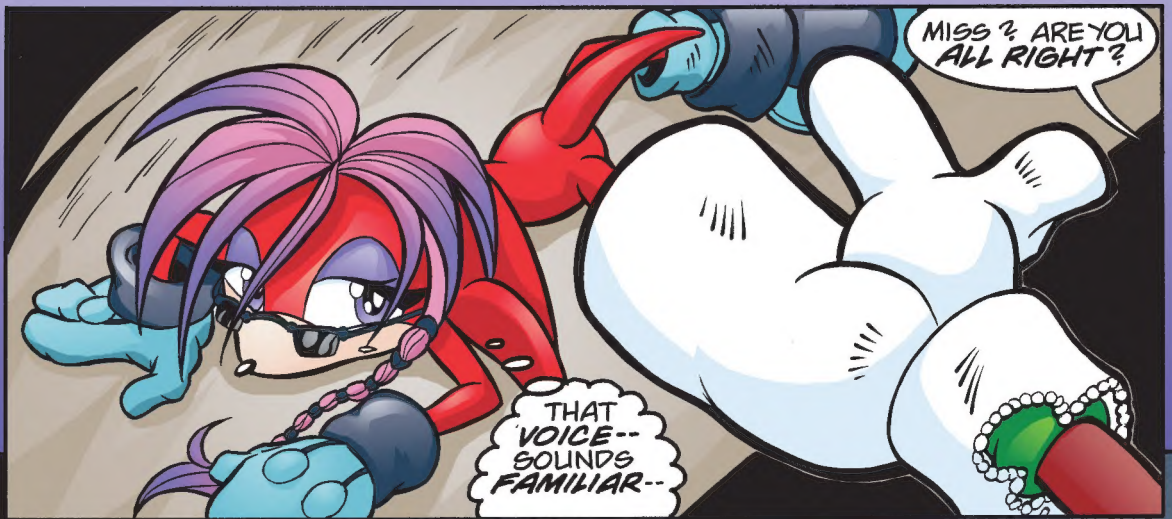
TAKING ALL MY STRENGTH-- AND **MORE**--TO KEEP FROM--



WOOF!

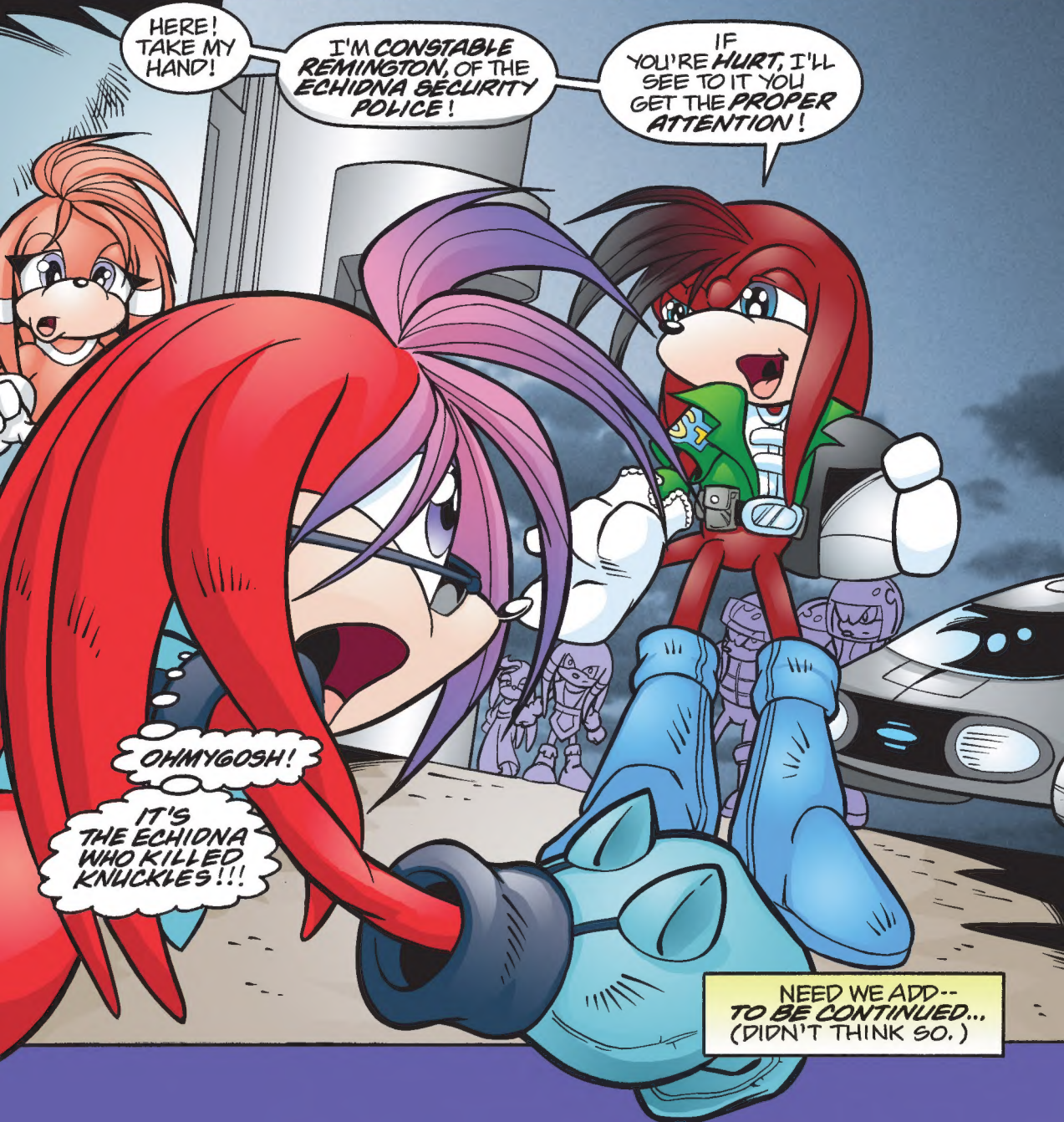
WHAP!





MISS ? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?

THAT VOICE-- SOUNDS FAMILIAR--



HERE! TAKE MY HAND!

I'M CONSTABLE REMINGTON, OF THE ECHIDNA SECURITY POLICE!

IF YOU'RE HURT, I'LL SEE TO IT YOU GET THE PROPER ATTENTION!

OHMYGOSH!

IT'S THE ECHIDNA WHO KILLED KNUCKLES!!!

NEED WE ADD-- TO BE CONTINUED... (DIDN'T THINK SO.)